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A family stranded by yesterday's strike waits for things to start moving again at Ben-Gurion Airport. (Dana Stelman/Israel Sun)

## Strike strands thousands at B-G

Histadrut plans more stoppages

**HAIM SHAPIRO and news agencies**

THOUSANDS of workers protesting against planned cuts in government spending and increased taxes staged a one-day strike yesterday, disrupting international flights, shutting down the ports, and disrupting train and phone services.

All flights leaving Ben-Gurion Airport were delayed until yesterday evening. Incoming flights were allowed to land but airport workers did not unload baggage, an airport spokesman said.

The strike also closed Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat seaports.

The Histadrut said it planned strikes in other sectors in coming days, and threatened to stage a general strike Tuesday, when the Knesset is due to vote on the 1997 budget.

The Histadrut called the strike, saying the government's plans for cutting spending and raising revenue would hurt the poor.

"Unfortunately, the rules of the game have been violated. We wanted to be in favor of the government...but the workers feel someone is waiting for them at the corner," said Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz.

Peretz, a Labor MK, said the government's budget proposal and privatization plans would sharply

- Striking today**
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At Ben-Gurion Airport, a few dozen tourists from Europe took advantage of the extra hours in Israel to sun themselves outside the terminal, but hundreds of others milled about, waiting impatiently.

El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman said that the company had succeeded in moving up five flights to before the strike began, contacting about 1,000 passengers. Another 3,000 passengers had to wait, uncertain when their flights would take off.

The strike had originally been called for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., but it actually began at 7 a.m. and lasted until 4, stranding thousands of passengers who had expected to be able to fly despite the work action.

British Airways officials, for example, had thought they would have no problem with their 8 a.m. flight to London, but over 200 passengers had to wait several hours for their flight to take off, a company spokesman said.

Many of the passengers slept in terminal chairs and all of the terminal restaurants were full. Those who succeeded in getting to the departing passengers' lounges filled the duty-free shops.

Passengers arriving on the planes that landed during the strike were told that their luggage

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## Arafat: Hebron deal by Tuesday

An agreement on redeployment in Hebron is likely by Tuesday, and further redeployment of IDF troops from areas B and C should take place 45 days later, with final settlement talks start 15 days after that, Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat told members of the A Legislative Council yesterday.

However, Saeb Erekat, chief Palestinian negotiator in the Hebron talks, said that Tuesday is a "target date" and "no specific dates" had yet been set for further redeployment or final settlement talks. Erekat also qualified some of Arafat's reported remarks.

Upon his return to Washington yesterday, US special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross briefed President Bill Clinton on the Hebron negotiations. Clinton was "pleased by the progress" and gave Ross "instructions on how to proceed when he returns to the region," which will

**JON IMMANUEL**

probably be on Monday, spokeswoman April Melody told reporters.

In Ramallah, among other decisions made during the past few days, legislators at the meeting reported that Arafat said:

- Palestinian police will carry "equivalent" weapons to IDF troops. But not necessarily the same weapons, Erekat said.
- There will be no buffer zone between H-1 and H-2, "because that would make an H-3," Erekat confirmed this, saying instead of a buffer zone there will be "security arrangements."
- There will be a Palestinian checkpoint at the entrance to the Cave of Machpelah. This will not be immediate since the agreement calls for a review of the current arrangements only after

three months, Erekat said.

- Shuhada Street, which runs from the center of Hebron past Beit Hadassah to the market next to the Avraham Avinu quarter, will be reopened completely within four months.
- The market next to the Avraham Avinu quarter will be reopened as a retail market. Erekat said all that now remains is to clear up some security arrangements, which will be dealt with in a meeting between security officials from both sides today.

Arafat spoke to legislators in Ramallah for more than three hours, interrupted by frequent questions about settlements. Painting a picture of future developments in Hebron, Arafat said he told Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that in talks with former prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres it had been

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## Report: Shahor wants to resign from IDF today

MAJ.-GEN. Oren Shahor, coordinator of government activities in the territories, plans to inform Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai today that he wants to resign from the IDF, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

Shahor has informed senior civil administration officials and plans to tell Mordechai officially this morning, he radio report said.

Shahor's spokesman would not confirm or deny the report.

"If and when the general decides to resign, there will

be an official announcement of this," he said.

Shahor also revealed that Lt.-Col. Daniel Ricsner, the Defense Ministry's legal adviser, had replaced him in the talks with the Palestinians on civilian issues that resumed Wednesday.

After an unauthorized meeting with opposition leader Shimon Peres about two months ago, the government suspended Shahor from his duties as a negotiator with the Palestinians. A security source cited this as one of the reasons Shahor has apparently decided to resign. (Iim)

## Woman climbs 12-meter anchor chain to escape drowning

Husband and son presumed dead after night swim

33-YEAR-OLD woman who, ether with her husband and son, s pulled out by an undertow while swimming off a Tel Aviv ch on Wednesday night, managed to save herself from drowning by climbing up a ship's 12-meter anchor chain to safety.

The man, 37, and the boy, 9, are missing. The Coast Guard, navy police searched for the two yesterday to no avail.

The Kulsnikov family - Irena, 37, and their son, Oleg - went swimming off the old Sheraton hotel at around 7:30 Wednesday night.

After swimming out around 300 meters, the three felt that they were

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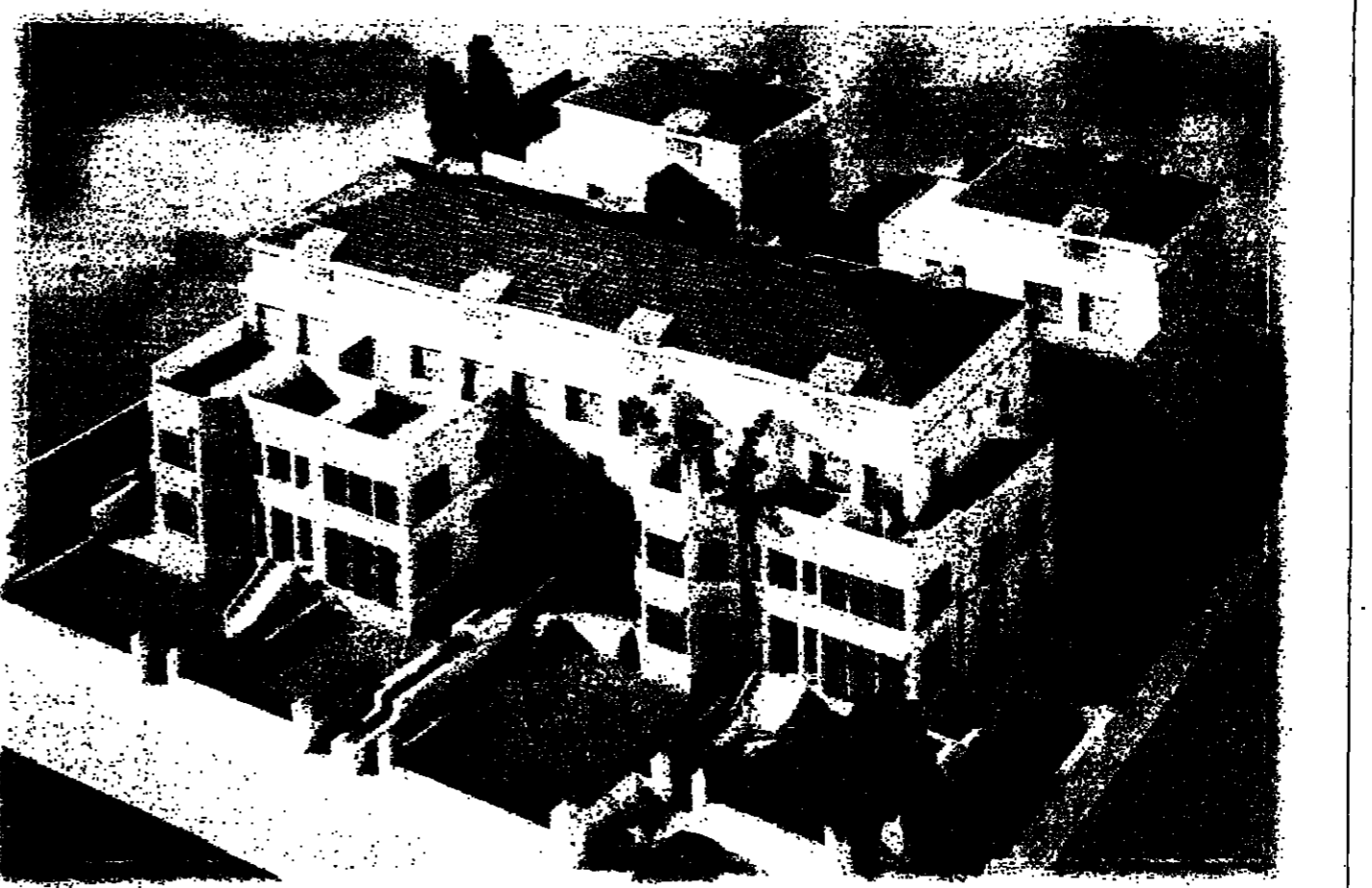
being pulled out to sea by an undertow, and decided to swim towards a ship that was anchored offshore, that they apparently thought was closer to them than it actually was.

During the five-hour swim, Irena lost eye contact with Nikolai, but continued swimming towards the ship, dragging Oleg by the hair.

As she got near the boat, however, she lost hold of her son.

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# Beilin-Eitan paper on final status with PA almost ready

MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) and Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan may, within a month, be able to present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and opposition leader Shimon Peres with a working paper summarizing their discussions on permanent arrangements with the Palestinians, Beilin said yesterday.

He declined to specify what had been agreed so far. Beilin and Eitan were interviewed on the issue by Arabic Television.

The two have been meeting with MKs from their respective parties for several weeks to see if the two sides can reach a consensus on issues relating to the permanent arrangements. Beilin said the meetings are aimed at furthering the peace process by speeding up the implementation of the permanent arrangements.

Both Beilin and Eitan denied they were trying to bring about the establishment of a national unity government. "But [the talks] are important because the two main parties must know where they stand on different issues before

**LIAT COLLINS**

they have to face the Palestinians with them," Eitan said.

"On some points, there is a good chance we will reach an understanding," he added. "If we do, we will put out a paper emphasizing these unifying points, without hesitating to note also the points we differ on."

Eitan, unlike Beilin, would not say when he thought such a working paper would be ready.

"We have been meeting out of curiosity, to see whether we are able to make the most out of the reality, which some of us feel is very harsh," Eitan said. "The question is whether we will do this with unrealistic aims, which will ultimately achieve nothing, or by trying to extract the possible, create a broad national consensus and make the most of the circumstances."

Beilin said the common basis is broader than it had been. He said that most of the issues had been dealt with although "not all had been agreed on."

Beilin, a candidate for the Labor Party leadership, is also the initiator of the so-called Beilin-Abu Mazen Plan, which, among other things, calls for Israel to annex the large blocs of Jewish settlements in return for giving the Palestinians an area close to the Egyptian border and a demilitarized Palestinian state with its capital based in Abu Dis, just outside Jerusalem.

National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat said it was unfortunate that Eitan had volunteered to replace senior Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) in promoting such an agreement. "We didn't need Eitan to reach these agreements. It would be better if he kept silent and not spread despair around the national camp."

Alex Lubotsky (Third Way) said his faction was concerned by what it had heard of the Beilin-Eitan talks.

"The Third Way agrees to redeployment in Hebron, but not to a general auction of Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem," he said.



Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein looks down at the Hebron market during a tour of the city yesterday. Edelstein announced yesterday that he intends to vote against the Hebron redeployment agreement. (Yotam Elkann/Flash)

## 3 injured fleeing Border Police

THREE people were slightly to moderately injured yesterday when their car swerved into a ditch and overturned while they were being pursued by border policemen. The driver apparently ignored the policemen's signal to stop because his passengers were illegal workers from the territories. The injured were taken to Afeka's Ha'ernek Hospital.

Isa Tarbieh, 86, of Sakhnin, died Wednesday night at Nahariya Government Hospital of injuries sustained several hours previously when she was hit by a car on Sakhnin's main street. (Itim)

# Netanyahu struggles for right-wing's support of Hebron deal

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu worked hard yesterday to win more support from the Right for his Hebron deal, but so far he has not improved his standing among ministers, coalition MKs or the rank and file.

Likud Central Committee members yesterday published a petition calling on the government "not to abandon Hebron, not to allow armed Palestinian policemen into Hebron and not to turn over to Arafat civilian authority for the Jewish section of the city." Former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir heads the list of signatories; it is the first time Shamir has come out so forcibly and openly against Netanyahu's

moves.

In the cabinet, Netanyahu suffered another blow when Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein announced he would vote against the agreement. Edelstein, who toured Hebron yesterday, told Channel 2 he was concerned with the small size of the buffer zone between the Palestinian and Jewish sections, and the proximity of the Avraham Avinu complex to the Hebron market, which would be reopened under Palestinian control.

Edelstein is the fifth minister to announce his opposition to the agreement; the others are National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, Science Minister

**SARAH HONIG**

Ze'ev Begin, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan and Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky have not yet committed themselves one way or the other, while Communications Minister Limor Livnat is now reported to be harboring deep reservations.

In the Knesset, National Religious Party and Likud MKs are banding together to revive the Eretz Yisrael Front as a

parliamentary pressure group, especially during the next phase of the Oslo Accords.

Some of those involved, like Likud MK David Re'em, say they will join Moledet in the no-confidence motion against the government on the Hebron issue. MK Reuven Rivlin, considered a relative moderate, has also joined the group.

"The front will number some 20 MKs and will constitute a powerful enough parliamentary force which the government will be unable to ignore," Re'em said.

The Likud petition also was signed by former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office Yosef Ben-Aharon,

who was a central figure in peace negotiations during the Shamir administration. Other signatories included Miriam Glazer-Tasa, Esther Salmovitz, David Mena and Michael Ratson, as well as the head of the national Betar leadership, Eldad Halahmi.

Netanyahu walked into the lion's den last night when he attended the opening session of the Moledet convention, to which he had been invited as the guest of honor prior to his meeting with Arafat this week and the latest moves to conclude the deal on Hebron.

Netanyahu was greeted with applause, but also plenty of boos.

## Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the jack of spades, the king of hearts, the eight of diamonds and the queen of clubs.

In last night's weekly Paysis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number

784928 won NIS 1 million, while ticket 318538 was good for a new car.

Those holding tickets ending in 011860, 002222, 111423, 392807, 303378, 461820, 219936 and 063131

all won NIS 5,000. Tickets ending in 74263, 11207, 15668, 35140, 75224, 37000, 06923, 57668, 52200, 03539, 13096, 00871, 53835, 71586, 82374, 63675, 92864, 62245 and 209663 all were good for NIS 1,000. Those ending in 755, 330, 941 and 680 were good for NIS 100; in 85, 80, 50 or 13, NIS 30; in 21 or 09, NIS 20; and in 4 or 6 NIS 10.

## Islamic Jihad terror attacks expected near Netzarim

SECURITY sources expect the Islamic Jihad to begin a new wave of terror attacks against army installations and civilian sites in the area of Netzarim in Gaza, saying that the bombs that exploded last week on the road near Netzarim were detonated by a Jihad cell in formation.

The sources noted that terror activity in the Netzarim area had stopped once the road that passes near the settlement was closed to Palestinian traffic, after a suicide bomber rid-

**HERB KEINON and ITIM**

ing a bicycle killed three soldiers at the Netzarim Junction in November 1994. The road was reopened to Palestinian police vehicles, ambulance, and UN cars yesterday.

Shlomit Ziv, a spokeswoman for the settlement, said that the IDF plans to gradually open the road to all Palestinian cars, something she

said is a security risk since the road runs within 20 meters of the settlement.

Netzarim residents postponed further protest action against the opening of the road, pending the outcome of a meeting last night between the settlement's leadership and OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai.

Ziv said that after the meeting with Yanai, the settlement's residents will meet and decide what protest action - if any - to take.

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## Israel complains about Italy's pressure over Ras al-Amud

**DAVID MAKOVSKY**

ISRAEL has complained to the Italian government to complain about Rome's support for a Security Council plan to dispatch a fact-finding mission to investigate construction of a Jewish neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud neighborhood.

Israel has informally put the Ras al-Amud issue on hold, thus supporting its contention that this is not the time for the Security Council to get involved in the matter.

Officials in Jerusalem say that the force behind the Italian government's involvement is Yasser Arafat, who just visited Italy. Netanyahu is expected to visit Italy and the Vatican at the end of next month.

Officials say Israel is considering raising with the Palestinians the idea of a "code of conduct," whereby the two sides would agree on ground rules of action as negotiations proceed. As is evidenced by this matter, Israel is upset that Arafat is lobbying foreign governments to oppose Israel on specific diplomatic issues.

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Tanya Shaw, who was fired this summer from her position as nanny for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's children, speaks to the press yesterday in the Jerusalem Regional Labor Court, where she has filed suit against the Netanyahus for non-payment of overtime. The court ordered Sara Netanyahu to submit a written declaration detailing Shaw's work conditions. (Efraim Kishon)

## Survey: Most people say media not objective

OVER 75% of the population say the mass media lacks objectivity when it reports on the government or on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

These figures are the results of a countrywide survey by the Community Research Institute at Bar-Ilan University. The survey also showed a widespread lack of belief (66%) in the media's objectivity in general.

The recent phone poll surveyed 1,250 adults "in a certified representative sample from Metulla to Eilat," said GRI head Ya'akov Katz, who initiated the project. According to Katz, half of those polled identified themselves as

HELEN KAYE and EVELYN GORDON

right-wing and the other half identified themselves as left-wing. Breaking down the results ideologically, the survey found that 92% of right-wingers and 62% of left-wingers feel the media are not objective in their treatment of the government (77% of the population overall). Of those who said the media was not objective, 95% of right-wingers and 79% of left-wingers said the bias was against the government.

With regard to the media's treatment of Netanyahu, 96% of right-wingers and 56% of left-wingers

consider the media to be non-objective (76% overall). Of these, 96% of right-wingers and 80% of left-wingers thought the bias was against the prime minister.

The poll also asked whether the media reported objectively on the IDF and other security forces in the territories. Overall, 31% of the respondents thought the media was objective, while 17% were undecided. The 52% who said the media was not objective included 69% of the right-wingers surveyed and 35% of the left-wingers. Of these, 88% of right-wingers and 64% of left-wingers thought the bias was against the army.

## Bone-marrow drive for London student begins next week

JUDY SIEGEL

A BONE-MARROW testing drive will be held on Tuesday in Jerusalem and Ramat Gan to try to save the life of David Brown, a 27-year-old Jewish economics student from London. A suitable match is more likely to be found among Jews of Ashkenazi origin, according to the organizers from Kedma, a religious students' organization in Jerusalem.

Brown, who has taken a leave of absence from his studies at Thames Valley University to undergo chemotherapy, suffers from acute lymphoblastic leukemia and his condition is deteriorating. No tissue matches have been found in any of the bone-marrow registries in Israel or abroad, so more samples must be collected. Thousands of people in Britain and the US already have been tested as potential donors for Brown, but none was found to be a perfect match.

Kedma, along with Magen David Adom, the Sue Harris Foundation and Bnei Akiva, hope thousands of

healthy people aged 18 to 50 will volunteer to give a small amount of blood for tissue-type matching. If a person is found to be a suitable match, a teaspoonful of marrow is removed under anesthesia from a bone in the hip and transfused into the recipient. This could bolster Brown's immune system and cure him. Anyone whose blood is tested will be listed in a bone-marrow registry, possibly to be matched with some other needy person in the future.

The organizers are raising money for the collection of samples and their testing, while El Al will fly them free to England for processing.

Volunteers willing to give a blood sample should go on Tuesday to Magen David Adom's Jerusalem branch in Romema between 2 and 9 p.m. or to Bar-Ilan University's chemistry building from 3 to 7 p.m. Information may be obtained by calling Kedma at (02) 563-1340.

## State presents High Court with evidence of Malevsky's 'criminal past'

EVELYN GORDON

RUSSIAN businessman Anton Malevsky lied on his citizenship application when he declared that he was not wanted by the Russian authorities, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

Malevsky had petitioned the court against the Interior Ministry's decision to confiscate his passport, which was based on police intelligence information indicating that he was an organized crime kingpin. After a previous hearing, the court had given Malevsky's attorney, Yoram Sheftel, additional time to try to refute these allegations.

At yesterday's hearing, Sheftel came in with a letter from the Russian Interior Ministry's department of organized crime, which said "no charges relating to criminal activity have been attributed" to [Malevsky]. Furthermore, Sheftel said, Malevsky has gone to Russia several times in the past two years and he has never been detained.

in force until June 27, 1996, when the police decided to close the criminal proceedings against Malevsky. On December 23, however, the Office of the Chief Prosecutor decided to overturn this decision, on the grounds that it had been made illegally, the letter said.

Finally, Nitzan said, he had received classified information on Malevsky from the Russian authorities, which he presented to the court behind closed doors.

Nitzan noted that on Malevsky's application for citizenship, in June 1994, he had claimed he was not wanted by the Russian authorities. This, however, turned out to be a false declaration, since the arrest warrant against him was still standing at that date, Nitzan said.

Malevsky repeated this lie in his affidavit to the High Court, Nitzan added.

However, he said, the state cur-

rently has no intention of trying to revoke Malevsky's citizenship because of his false statement.

Sheftel also argued that since no native-born Israeli has ever been deprived of his passport, the decision to take away Malevsky's passport constituted discrimination against immigrants.

"No one born in Israel ever got his [Israeli] citizenship via fraud," Nitzan retorted.

Sheftel then asked the court for additional time to try to refute the new evidence brought by Nitzan. Justices Tova Strasberg-Cohen, Dalia Dorner and Zvi Tal said they would consider this request and get back to him with an answer later.

After the hearing, Sheftel attacked the prosecution and the police.

"The prosecution and the police are going out of their way to pressure the Russian authorities into opening criminal proceedings

against an Israeli citizen in order to retroactively justify their decision to take away his passport," he charged.

## A needle in a haystack

ALTHOUGH the chance of finding a perfect match for David Brown is on a par with looking for a needle in a haystack, previous bone-marrow drives here and abroad have saved the lives of at least two Jews suffering from leukemia.

One, Jay Feinberg of the US, waited several years before a suitable donor was found. It was a young woman, officially a bit too young to donate and who was found after tens of thousands of people were tested. She insisted on having a blood sample taken from her arm and sent for testing - and in the end, she was the best match.

Feinberg, who received a tiny bit of her bone marrow, is now healthy enough to have returned to work as an economist.

Sue Harris, a British woman for whom a similar campaign was held here, found a donor and is now doing well.

Because similar ethnic origins have an important role in determining tissue compatibility, many Diaspora Jews who cannot find a suitable donor abroad seek one here.

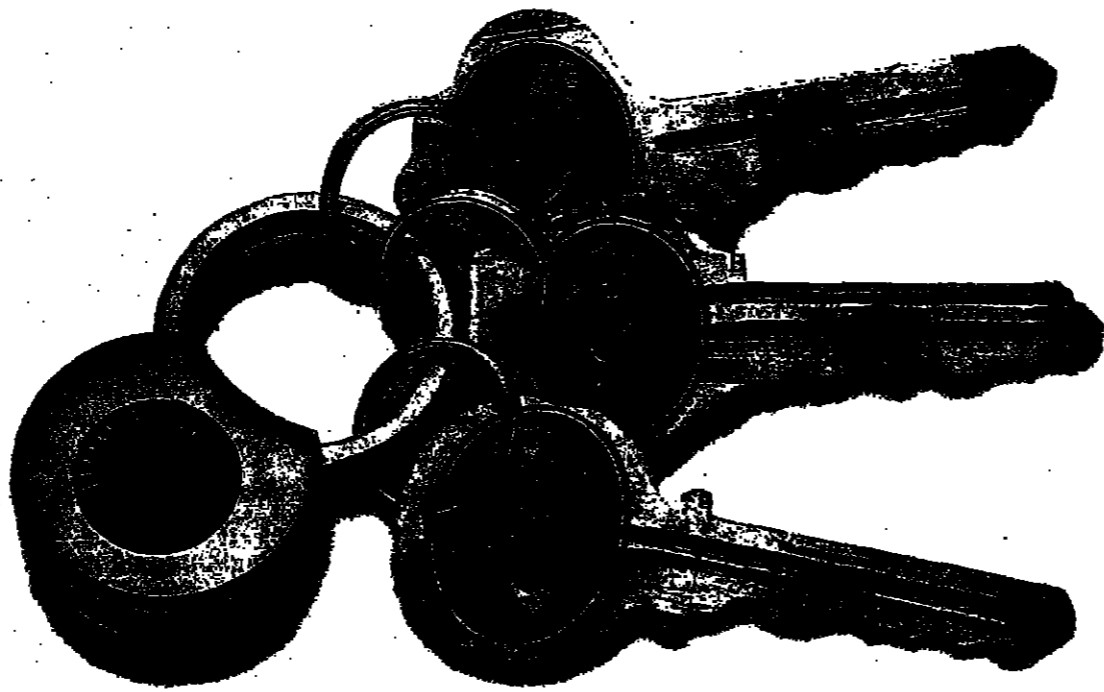
Judy Siegel

Government attorney Shai Nitzan then produced a letter from a department of the same name, but with a different address, which said Malevsky was wanted in Russia for "serious crimes committed in the city of Moscow" and that an arrest warrant had been issued for him.

Nitzan also presented a copy of the arrest warrant. The warrant, which was dated February 4, 1994, was for the illegal purchase of a TT pistol and 30 bullets. According to this document, in July 1993, a Russian court had barred Malevsky from leaving the country because of the police investigation into this charge. However, after Malevsky ignored two summonses to appear for questioning and disappeared from his previous address, the police declared him wanted and issued an arrest warrant.

A letter from the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the Russian Federation, which Nitzan also submitted yesterday, stated that the arrest warrant had remained

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Car bomb kills seven in Algiers suburb
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Hutu rebels kill four soldiers
BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) - Hutu rebels, who declared a unilateral 11-day cease-fire earlier in the week, killed four soldiers and wounded four civilians in a Christmas Eve attack, an army spokesman said yesterday.

Troops move into riot-torn Indonesian town
JAKARTA (Reuters) - Hundreds of Indonesian troops moved into a riot-torn town in western Java late yesterday after a mob set fire to commercial buildings and churches, residents and military officials said.

German police identify church bomber
FRANKFURT (Reuters) - German police said yesterday that a Frankfurt woman who killed herself and two other women in a Christmas Eve church bomb attack had been undergoing psychiatric treatment and was most probably driven by "personal motives."

Major wins 'personality' contest
LONDON (AP) - In a contest clouded by vote-rigging, Prime Minister John Major edged out a brave nursery-school teacher and Burma's pro-democracy leader to be voted BBC radio's personality of the year.

Widow digs up dead husband's skull
CAIRO (Reuters) - Egyptian police arrested a widow who dug up her dead husband's skull because she was lonely and missed his company, the Al-Ahram daily said yesterday.

Guatemalan ambassador released

LEFTIST rebels released Guatemala's ambassador yesterday from the diplomatic compound where 103 other dignitaries remained hostage, though talks between Peru and the guerrillas seemed at a standstill.

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LIMA, Peru
Uruguay for seeming to grant concessions to free its ambassador two days ago.

its ambassador, Morihisa Aoki.
A possible advance in the stalemate, now in its ninth day, was expected after the Rev. Juan Luis Cipriani spent 7 1/2 hours inside the diplomatic compound Christmas day, and departed with a sick Japanese diplomat in a wheelchair.

Defying police ban, thousands demonstrate against Milosevic

DUSAN STOJANOVIC
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia

DEFYING thousands of heavily armed riot police yesterday, tens of thousands of people ignored a ban on rallies to protest against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.



A girl gives flowers to riot policemen yesterday in downtown Belgrade, where thousands of opposition supporters defied a ban on protests against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Although the police presence, the ban and the cold weather cut turnout from a regular 100,000, opposition leaders saw yesterday's rally as a victory.

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Burma bombing toll rises to 5

RANGOON, Burma (AP) - The death toll rose to five yesterday from a bombing at a temple compound visited by senior officials.

drawn thousands of pilgrims daily since going on display December 6. Visitors have included the top generals of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council.

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## Beginning of the end

The Jews of Hebron prepare for the inevitable.  
Herb Keinon reports

**S**ETTLEMENT reporters were summoned to the Knesset by Hebron leaders Monday night, soon after news began breaking that the long-delayed Hebron redeployment deal was in the immediate offing. The mood was clandestine, cloak and dagger. "We are planning something," a spokesman said over the phone. "But I cannot talk about it on an open line." (This official has taken for granted for a long time that the phones from his office are bugged.) "Meet at 6 p.m. in the public cafeteria in the Knesset."

On the face of it, the Knesset seemed a rather odd place to give out confidential information about moves the settlement was obviously planning to combat the agreement. But on second thought, the Knesset made good sense: settlement leaders were spending hour upon hour there at the beginning of the week; furiously lobbying MKs and government ministers against the agreement they dub "the abandonment of Hebron."

The settlers' information, as it turned out, was interesting, but not revolutionary. They gave reporters prior notice of their move early Wednesday morning into a few abandoned homes in the casbah. But, the fact that reporters were given prior notice already helped place the incident into perspective: it was a publicity move, and not the first shot in a battle to prevent the withdrawal from Hebron. And indeed, the move into the casbah was designed to attract attention, as settlement spokesman David Wilder said, to three issues: that Jewish property in the casbah will be turned over to the Palestinians, that Palestinians are busily renovating properties that literally touch the Avraham Avinu Jewish Compound, and that security is so porous in the city that small groups of people can move from neighborhood to neighborhood without being detected.

"I have never said this before," Noam Armon said in the Knesset cafeteria, speaking in hushed tones and leaning forward toward the reporters. "The practical upshot of the agreement is that it is the first step toward the destruction of the Hebron Jewish community." Then, speaking of the man who only six months ago he was praying would meet Shimon Peres, Armon added, "Netanyahu will go down in history as the prime minister who led to the destruction of the oldest Jewish community in the world."

Hyperbole or prophecy? Isaiah or the ultimate spin-meister? The dark, apocalyptic tones with which the settlement's leadership has been painting the agreement is obviously an attempt to scare the government—and the nation—into changing it. But, as one of the major players in the area admitted off the record, this line could have the unintended effect of scaring the city's 500 Jews as well; scaring them, in fact, to such an extent that some may opt to leave rather than be victims of—as the settlement leaders continuously warn—a 1929-type massacre.

"RIGHT NOW, nobody is planning on leaving," the settlement activist said. "In fact, now people are trying to move in, but there are no vacancies." Yet, he said, in the future people could get so concerned about their safety that they may want to leave.

A second, unintended consequence of this type of warning could be that the government could decide, ironically, to uproot the settlement for the Jews' own good. "I would not be surprised if the government, feeling there was a real security threat, would try to move the community," the activist said. "The Jews of 1929 never planned on leaving, and the survivors of the massacre were forced to leave by the British for their own safety."

Armon's words about destruction, however, cannot be dismissed as mere paranoia. The city's Jews definitely have some-

thing to fear. And the fear is not merely anchored in what happened to the community in 1929. True, settlement leaders will admit, times have changed. The British are not ruling the land, the IDF will be here. But look what happened at Joseph's Tomb in September; the same could happen here. "If thousands of Arabs storm Avraham Avinu, do you think the soldiers will fire into a mob? They didn't do it at Joseph's Tomb; why do you think they will do it here?" asked Hebron settlement activist Moshe Ben-Zimra.

What emerges from these words is something heard frequently among Hebron's Jews—that they place little faith in the security forces' ability to protect them. This is because of the inferior position they feel the agreement will place the IDF in the city, as well as a deep lack of faith in the average soldier.

Numerous meetings with the IDF's top brass have not put these fears to rest. When OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir met with the settlers recently, he was asked point blank whether he feels the IDF can provide adequate security. "He never said yes," Wilder said. In addition, said Armon, "Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak told me to expect a very difficult period. The IDF is preparing for a war; look at the sandbags here."

At this point, Ben-Zimra said, a conflagration is likely whether the government goes through with the Oslo accords or breaks them. The Hebron settlers are obviously praying there is a breakdown along the way.



A young soldier and even younger settler eye each other in Hebron this week.

(Gideon Markowitz)

"They say Netanyahu and Arafat are ironing out the details," Wilder said between afternoon and evening prayers in the Avraham Avinu synagogue the day the two men were meeting. "Would that the iron would burn the sheet."

THOUGH Hebron's Jews are hoping something emerges to derail the redeployment, Armon said they

## Netanyahu's road to Oslo

Hebron demonstrates that interests rather than ideology prevail in Netanyahu's reluctant acceptance of Oslo, David Makovsky argues

**D**URING their meeting at the Erez junction this week, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu took a leaf out of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's book.

In his meetings with Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, Arafat was fond of talking in detail about the array of opposition forces faced against him at home. During their three-and-a-half-hour meeting this week, which was held either with very few aides or just alone alongside US peace envoy Dennis Ross, Netanyahu candidly spoke about his own problems within his Likud coalition. He even told Arafat about his own brother-in-law, Hagi Ben-Artzi, who moved to Hebron as a sign of protest against the premier's support for the impending Hebron pullback deal.

Confiding in Arafat, and lamenting about his own domestic problems, certainly seems unimaginable for someone who only earlier this year was denouncing Arafat as a "master terrorist," and who pledged never to meet him. Indeed, with the endless Hebron talks now seeming to be on the verge of completion, it now seems evident that Netanyahu has traveled a distance on his own personal journey to Oslo. He is traveling down the unimagined road to Oslo, by way of the casbahs of Hebron, and officials believe he has done so because he realizes that so much is at stake.

Of course, one way to look at the Hebron deal is to compare specific components of this deal and contrast it to the one reached by

the Labor government, while asking the fair question whether the differences are great enough to warrant a loss of a half-year and Israel's standing in the region. Such a comparative debate is legitimate and will be waged, as in the words of a senior Clinton administration official: "Undoubtedly, the longer the delays, the more the costs went up."

However, the significance of a Hebron deal must also be analyzed beyond the contents of the deal itself, namely what it means for Netanyahu and the Likud. Specifically, this deal marks the first deal between sworn enemies, the Likud and the PLO. No less critically, it signifies the Likud's first territorial concession in the West Bank. Moreover, it is occurring in the one city in the West Bank which resonates with biblical meaning. It is also not just any deal, but it marks Netanyahu's affirmation of the entire Oslo framework—the same Oslo which the Likud railed so bitterly against while in opposition.

These factors combined, cabinet confusion about this issue is understandable since the Likud has never sorted out how its old ideas will mesh with the new reality of a post-Oslo world.

Since it is such a departure from the past, one can see that this agreement marks Netanyahu's "on-the-job" training. While one could legitimately ask whether it should occur at the state's expense, the fact is that, as opposed to Uri Savir, Labor's chief negotiator with the

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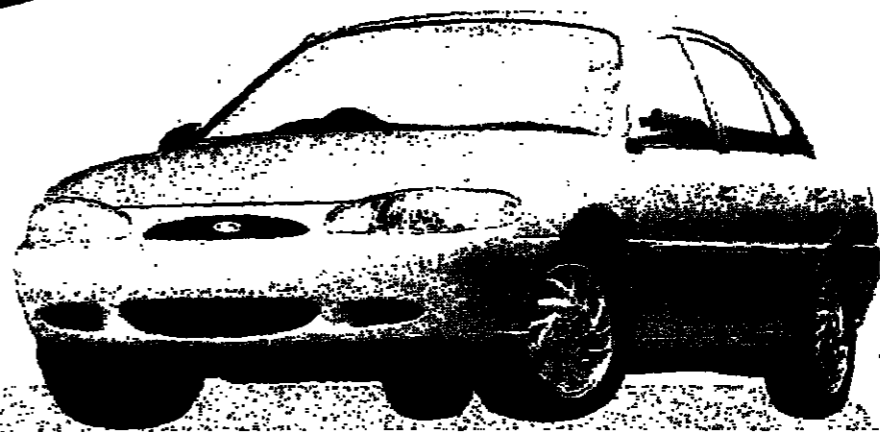


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# The boomerang effect of freezing ties

Arab states realize they can't just beat up on Israel if they're to have any leverage in the peace process. They have to be nice — sometimes. Steve Rodan reports

WHEN he was invited to Egypt this week, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai expected to see the usual scowling faces of President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa.

But on Tuesday, Mordechai got a surprise. He found himself at lunch with his Egyptian counterpart, Hussein Tantawi. The two men reminisced about the 1973 Yom Kippur War and discussed Egyptian-Israeli defense issues, particularly the recent tensions between the two countries.

Later, Mubarak told Mordechai that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would be invited to Cairo as soon as he signs an agreement with the Palestinians.

In Tel Aviv, defense officials were pleased. "We've been trying to deal with Egyptian military leaders for a long time, so for us this was important," a senior official says.

After weeks of the big stick, this was Mubarak's carrot to Israel, in the wake of what both Arabs and Israelis regard as a breakthrough in negotiations to complete the Hebron accord. As head of Egypt's highly secretive military establishment, Tantawi is a shadowy figure and never meets Israelis. But he walked arm-in-arm with Mordechai in a gesture that suggested to the Israelis the potential of cooperation with Egypt.

Israeli officials and pro-government Egyptian analysts welcomed the change of tone by Cairo. The officials said that during the last week of the negotiations Egypt changed its role from spoiler to facilitator, urging Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat to reach an agreement on Hebron and other outstanding issues relating to the interim accord.

Some Egyptian analysts say that tensions with Israel were unusually high over the past few months and welcomed any relaxation. "The heavy brinkmanship to the edge of war is dangerous," says Tahseen Basheer, a former adviser to president Anwar Sadat, who attended a seminar last week at Haifa University. "It carries with it the risk of miscalculation. All humans make miscalculation."

Israeli government analysts say Egypt's about-face is not surprising. They say Cairo wants to lead the Arab world in setting policy toward Israel, whether one of hostility or reconciliation. So far, it has chosen a cautious approach. At the Arab League Foreign

Minister's conference in October, Egypt prevented a Syrian resolution for Arab states to expel Israeli diplomats.

"It didn't serve Egyptian interests," an Israeli official says. "Egypt and most of the Arab states see cutting relations with Israel as counterproductive, especially if they want to maintain warm ties with the US."

Instead, Egypt agreed in October to freeze the normalization of Arab relations with Israel. Nothing agreed upon was abrogated, but negotiations to conclude new projects were placed on hold. The Gulf and North African states that had established ties with Israel over the past two years quickly complied.

The result is that there does not appear to be any plan to raise the low level of diplomatic representation between Israel and the North African and Gulf states. In addition, projects discussed between Israel, Tunisia and Morocco have not been advanced.

Some Egyptians wanted to go further in expressing their displeasure at Israeli policies. At one point earlier this month, Egypt's ambassador to Israel, Mohammed Bassiouny, said Cairo might take a number of steps to protest what he termed the lack of progress in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. One of them, he suggested, might be his recall to Egypt.

"You know where it starts but you don't know where it ends," he said, on December 15.

But the Egyptians quickly backtracked. Diplomatic sources say Egypt learned from the recall of its ambassador in 1982 that such a step means an immediate loss of influence in Israel, as well as being difficult to reverse. Indeed, several days after Bassiouny was quoted as suggesting the possibility, he told the semi-official Egyptian daily *Al-Ahram* that his words were taken out of context.

Jordan's relations with Israel have not been affected as drastically as with the other Arab states. On one hand, diplomatic sources say, Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Muasher ended his three-day visit to Israel earlier this month frustrated that his appeal to the Netanyahu government to consider Jordanian interests when dealing with the Palestinians went unheeded.

On the other hand, some Israeli companies continue to register brisk business with their counterparts in the Hashemite kingdom.

This comes even as Israeli executives say they have been put on the defensive by the controversy over Netanyahu's policies.

"Business people find themselves acting as political spokespeople and having to apologize to the world markets for the actions being taken by Israel," Koor Industries chairman Benny Gaon, a confidant of Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, told the Center for Jewish Arab Economic Development.

Still, the freeze in business relations has been felt in potential governmental projects with Jordan. One example is the oft-proposed joint international airport at Akaba. The idea began with the construction of a joint airport located half in Jordan and half in Israel. But the estimated cost of such a facility was at about \$250 million, far more than Jordan could afford. The project was scaled down to

the construction of a runway to Akaba's existing airport. Now, Israeli officials say, Jordan has suggested that Israel use the Akaba airport for international flights. Buses would take passengers straight from the arriving planes to the Israeli border terminal, where the visitors would have their passports stamped. The proposal has been widely criticized, particularly by Eilat officials, who assert that it benefits only Jordan.

"It would be an experiment with one international carrier to see if such a thing could work," says Dov Sharf, director of regional cooperation for the Eilat municipality.

Still, Jordanian officials continue to maintain excellent — albeit low-profile — relations with Israel. Security cooperation remains high and both countries understand that their vital interests depend on maintaining an open line of communications.

As a result, some Jordanian analysts, particularly those close to the royal palace, dismiss the notion that Netanyahu is solely to blame for the worsening relations between Israel and the Arabs.

"I take issue [with the idea] that the Likud rise to power and its policies are the reason for the halt in the peace process," says

Mohammed Mall Alla of the Hashemite Center in Amman. "Shimon Peres refrained from implementing the agreement in Hebron. Legally, he could have done it. But politically, the mandate was given to another prime minister. What Peres did in the last few months as prime minister was killing the peace process."

Few Israeli analysts expect the Arab states to significantly warm their relations with Israel if and when the Hebron agreement is signed. The accord will be immediately followed by Palestinian demands to implement the first of three redeployments in Judea and Samaria. The subsequent negotiations are expected to be tense and accompanied by more Arab threats to reduce ties with Israel.

But some Israeli officials say the Arabs have a weak hand. Despite high expectations by the previous Labor governments, the North African and Gulf countries have kept diplomatic ties to the bare minimum. Simply put, there isn't much the Arabs can reduce without eliminating altogether their formal ties with Israel.

"The Arab decision to go slow with Israel diplomatically has boomeranged," an Israeli official says, "because today the Arabs don't have leverage."



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share in gross domestic product is some 50% higher than originally planned; the trade deficit balloons every month by an average \$1.5 billion; and the annual current-account deficit - namely the overall gap between imports and exports of goods, services, and unilaterally transferred funds...

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Leadership material

SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

"The staff shall not depart from Judah, nor the scepter from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and unto him shall there be a gathering of nations." (Gen. 49:10)

THE Book of Genesis ends with the death of Jacob, but before he dies, he makes quite possibly the most important decision of his life. Vayehi, this week's portion, is devoted to the blessings given to the 12 tribes...

Clearly, the leading candidate should be Joseph. Having risen from slave to second-in-command of the world's most powerful nation, no one could deny that he exhibited qualities of leadership second to none.

The irony is that Judah himself is the father. The moment of truth comes when, as she is being taken out to be killed, Tamar has certain personal items delivered to Judah, with the message that they belong to the father of the child.

Second, a leader has to be a master politician, in the sense that politics is the art of the possible. If we contrast the reactions of Judah and Reuben to the near-murder of Joseph, we can distinguish a leader...

What's an abomination?

A doctor in Gohati, Assam state, India, has implanted a pig's heart in a woman born with a hole in one of her cardiac valves.

A VIEW FROM NOV MOSHE KOHN

THERE IS no scientific or pragmatic explanation for the kosher laws: for why the Torah forbids the eating of certain creatures, the eating of the meat of even kasher creatures that have not been ritually slaughtered...

THE TERM to'eva appears 139 times in the Tanach in various forms, mainly in reference to violations of what the Torah ordains as norms of Jewish behavior in the different areas of life. It is used in the senses of abominate, loathe, despise, disgust in their various forms.

characteristics of "purity," but disqualified because it does not ruminant (Leviticus 11:7, Deuteronomy 14:8).

The disgust with which even many non-observant Jews traditionally regard the pig and its byproducts has a rational basis, which, however, has nothing to do with the animal's real or imagined hygienic or aesthetic defects.

AS FOR that heart transplant in India: it remains to be seen whether it will take, and how it will affect the patient.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Friday, December 27, 1996

Former Bank of Israel governor, Michael Bruno, dies at 64

Jerusalem Post Staff
FORMER Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno died yesterday in Jerusalem, following a long illness. He was 64.
One of Israel's best-known economists and widely accepted as the leading planner behind Israel's pivotal 1985 economic stabilization plan, Bruno was until recently the vice president and chief economist of the World Bank. He served as Carl Melchior Professor of International Economics at the Hebrew University and was a winner of the Israel Prize.



Michael Bruno (Media Images)
He chaired the economics department of Hebrew University before going to work for the Bank of Israel. There he served as director of the research department, and was advisor to the finance minister and a member of the group that formulated the government's economic stabilization policy in 1985.

Analysts: Wall St. more skeptical of Israeli IPO's

CAPITAL-MARKET analysts in Tel Aviv say Wall Street will adopt a more "selective" attitude toward Israeli high-tech share offerings in 1997.
Roughly half of the Israeli shares currently traded on American markets will end 1996 below their initial issue price, while the remainder are expected to complete the year slightly higher. The New York Times ranked the Israeli-based Vocotec and Legal Educational Software Systems among the 10 worst issues in the US, based on the stocks returns for December 17, 1996.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

years most Israeli IPO's were issued by high-tech start-ups. American investors still value Israeli high-tech companies but realize they lack management and marketing abilities, says Tami Gottlieb, general manager of the Israeli branch of the Oscar Gross investment house. American investors, she said, will focus on Israeli companies with a track record of two or three years which have completed at least two rounds of private financing before going public.

Israeli companies that raised more than \$30m. in 1996 have performed "quite well."
"I hope, that despite frenzied competition among local investment banks, we will keep our hats on and use more mature companies. We can anticipate tens of offerings next year," he said.

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Re: Laurence Alan Reece - A Solicitor

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BITS AND BYTES JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

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Eurotrade Bank announces website: Israel's Eurotrade Bank has announced its new Internet site at www.euro-trade.co.il. The site is designed to provide people with information about foreign currencies. Eurotrade Bank is a private Israeli bank that offers a host of services to businesses and individuals.

International UNIX technology conference to take place in January: The International UNIX Technology Conference is scheduled for January 27, 1997 at the Exhibition Center in Tel Aviv. Speakers from companies such as Netscape, Oracle, SCO and Hewlett Packard will discuss their server's applications toward the year 2000. For more information, call (03) 638-5848/58.

Koor sells telemarketing system to Audiofon: Koor Telecommunications and Electronics, a subsidiary of Koor Industries (NYSE: KOR), recently reported that Audiofon of German has purchased several hundred thousand marks worth of its telemarketing software, MegaSale.

NetManage acquires Applicom's Internet technology: NetManage, Inc. (Nasdaq: NETM) of Cupertino, California recently announced that it has acquired Applicom Industries' (TASE: APCM) DoubleAgent application sharing technology, which allows two or more participants to work together simultaneously on Microsoft Windows 32-bit software applications over the World Wide Web. The DoubleAgent technology will be integrated into NetManage's Chamlecon ATX family and other of the company's software products.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Table with columns: Currency (deposit for), 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, 12 MONTHS. Rows: U.S. dollar (\$250,000), Pound sterling (£100,000), German mark (DM 200,000), Swiss franc (SF 200,000), Yen (10 million yen).

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (24.12.96)

Table with columns: CHECKS AND TRANSFERS, BANKNOTES, Rep. Rate. Rows: Currency basket, U.S. dollar, German mark, Pound sterling, French franc, Japanese yen (100), Danish krone, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone, Finnish mark, Canadian dollar, Australian dollar, S. African rand, Belgian franc (10), Austrian schilling (10), Italian lire (1000), Jordanian dinar, Egyptian pound, ECU, Irish punt, Spanish peseta (100).

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Shares end lower on profit-taking in quiet session

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

DAN GERSTENFELD



Two-Sided index

SHARES closed lower across the board yesterday on an unexpected strong round of profit-taking, traders said. The Two-sided index fell 1.19 percent or 2.51 points, to 209.02 on all share turnover of NIS 79 million against NIS 87m. on Wednesday. The Maof lost 1.30% to 217.00. "We were all expecting a technical correction after the market rose sharply over the last two months. Nobody expected such a drop and there is simply no logical explanation for such a fall," said one trader.

Maof index

"We believe that this correction could continue on Sunday, but the market will resume its rise next week," added a trader at Bank Leumi. The most active share was Koor, which fell 2.5% on volume of NIS 4.5m. For the second session in a row, the second most active share was Israel Land Development, which gained 1.75% on turnover of NIS 4.2m. Traders said the rise was due to purchasing by inside shareholders. Teva gained 0.25% on volume of NIS 2.5m. (Reuters)

NETANYAHU

(Continued from Page 7) Palestinian since the 1993 secret talks in Norway until the middle of this year, who said that he tallied some 3,000 hours of meetings with Palestinian interlocutors. Netanyahu did not know any of the PLO leadership before taking office, and perhaps knew hardly any Palestinians at all. Hence, there was bound to be a learning curve which may not yet be complete, especially since the Likud has held more of an ideological bias against the PLO than Labor did.

Palestinian official Mahmoud Abbas (known by the patronym Abu Mazen) summed up the difficulties of these negotiations in his recent interview. "Of course it is harder. We are now trying to make peace with the other part of Israel" which did not back Oslo. However, as evidenced by the tepid and almost hushed reaction in the Likud to the remarks by Netanyahu's adviser David Bar-Ilan to The Jerusalem Post last week about the possibility of the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state, the Likud seems to act as if it is in a post-ideological period. Interestingly, one person who did complain about Bar-Ilan's remarks within the Likud was the ideologue Yitzhak Shamir - who is not in the Knesset anymore.

It is important that National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who is leading the cabinet fight against a Hebron deal, is seeking to win adherents among his colleagues by making his argument on security rather than ideological grounds. Settlers have also abandoned the ideological argument, realizing their only chance to win over the public is to speak in terms of personal safety. One US official seemed to reflect the view of many when he said he believes that Netanyahu swung around a Hebron deal because too much is at stake for Israel. "He's in the big league now," the official said about Netanyahu. "You can be an ideologue in the opposition. But when you are a prime minister, you have to adjust your ideological underpinnings. The world is putting tremendous stock in these talks. You cannot ignore this reality without a paying price in Israel's standing."

INDEED, the world is watching. Israel has much more to lose today than it did when it was a quasi-pariah state in the early '90s. In the wake of Oslo, it now has relations with a good portion of the Arab world, and therefore the risk of isolation and deterioration with unexpected consequences is much more evident. Critically, Israel's dependence upon the Pentagon is such that a chill in relations that would follow from a halt in the

peace process would adversely affect those crucial and increasingly intricate ties. Furthermore, Israel's economy is much more linked to the Western industrialized states at a time that its body politic has embraced middle-class living with a vengeance. Yair Shamir, a former head of Scitex and son of Yitzhak, admitted that his father saw Israel's evolution to a bourgeois state as a betrayal of ideology. Once you have acquired a lot, you are not willing to sacrifice all for an ideological goal as you were when there was nothing to lose, Yair cited his father as saying.

Alongside Israel's relations with the US and the Arab world, a third set of pressures is neither foreign-related nor economic, but unstated. Specifically, in contradiction to what he believed when in opposition, Netanyahu now seems to believe that halting the peace process won't halt violence, but accelerate it. This is a crucial point. Ever since the September riots that seemed to demonstrate that the territories may turn into enclaves of settlements being turned into potential hostages. Therefore, ironically, the vulnerability of settlements have inadvertently become an impetus rather than obstacles to moving talks with the Palestinians forward.

When people inevitably ask whether Netanyahu believes "Hebron first is Hebron last," it seems clear that these three sets of pressures that have brought Netanyahu to where he is now will be accompanying him throughout the rest of the peace process. Critically, this does not mean that one should expect Netanyahu, at the same as Labor nor that the path ahead will be certain. Nor does anybody expect Netanyahu to yield to all Palestinian demands. To the contrary, Netanyahu will find broad public backing at home - despite massive pressures abroad - if he is to be guided by a reasonable definition of national security on issues ranging from airspace, territory to water. Moreover, repeated suicide bombings will certainly cause the public here to lose faith in the process, and change the whole equation.

Yet, short of those situations, having responsibility for a country - as opposed to hectoring from Knesset rostrums in the opposition - means that Netanyahu is finding out that he has to look at the broader picture instead of just the feelings of people closest to him, such as his own brother-in-law. Vital interests, rather than ideology, have brought a reluctant Netanyahu to accept Oslo.

BEGINNING

(Continued from Page 7) realize there is little they can physically do to derail it themselves. "This is not Yamit," Arnon admitted. "The government is not coming to tear down homes." As a result, the reaction of the settlers will be very different. When the IDF finally pulls out the few dozen soldiers it still has in HI (the parts of Hebron due to be given to the Palestinians), the options of the settlers will be limited. They are not going to pull the soldiers back into the IDF outposts, or throw themselves down in front of the jeeps. They are not going to move into the Civil Administration building overlooking the city, or try and block the Palestinian police from despoiling

incident - an auto accident in Hebron, even a confrontation over land in the Jordan Valley - could quickly spread to Hebron and lead to an eruption. Arnon provides a scenario: "Let's say a [Jewish] family is driving their car in Hebron, and is stoned. Somebody gets out and fires shots into the air. The nearby Palestinian policeman shoots back. An IDF soldier thinks they are shooting at him, and returns fire. In short, the smallest thing could quickly spiral into an incident of the worst kind." Unless, of course, the city was full of good will. But even then, were all the Jews in the settlement supporters of the dovish religious

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Table of Tel Aviv Stock Market data including Multi-sided trading, Two-sided trading, AFTERNOON, and MORNING sections with columns for Name, Price, Change, % Volume, and Shares.

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Table of US commodities including Cocoa, Coffee, and Wheat.

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ARAFAT

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Dow closes near new record

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose yesterday, leaving the Dow Jones industrial average just shy of its all-time high, as investors added the year's best performers to their portfolios ahead of year end.

General Electric was third, up 1 at 103. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by nearly 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,609 up, 854 down and 852 unchanged.

DROWNING

(Continued from Page 1) "I clutched my son in my arms," she said tearfully. "He was like a stone. A stone. And then I couldn't hang on any longer."

A police boat and a Dibur naval ship began to search the sea for the missing father and son. The police and Coast Guard scoured the shore from south Tel Aviv to Netanya in the north. A helicopter was also deployed in the search.

Rapist gets 18 years

A 19-YEAR-OLD Rishon le-Zion resident was sentenced yesterday to 18 years' imprisonment for raping and sexually assaulting five women between 1994 and 1996.

others, the judges said. The rapist overpowered the women, none of whom he knew, and threatened several of them with a knife.

STRIKE

(Continued from Page 1) would only be unloaded after the strike and that they could pick it up last night or today.

to show up early for a morning flight to London to avoid the strike complained to Israel Radio that they had spent hours in the airport only to discover that the flight would take off in the evening.

Wild-Cards: A new experience for 49ers and Cowboys

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys' fans were so shocked they had to play a wild-card game they forgot to buy tickets.

Indianapolis (9-7) at Pittsburgh (10-6) There have been a lot of changes since last season, when Jim Harbaugh's desperation pass just fell out of Aaron Bailey's hands in the end zone in the Steelers' 20-16 win that sent them to the Super Bowl.

But they have company. San Francisco lost twice to Carolina, so the 49ers lost the NFC West tiebreaker to the Panthers and had to settle for their first wild card berth since 1985.

BYE TEAMS, NFC Green Bay (13-3) The Packers enter the playoffs a clear favorite in the NFC. They'll be playing at Lambeau Field and they're averaging 34 points in four games since Antonio Freeman and Mark Cumura returned to provide targets for Brett Favre, who is 19-0 in cold weather games.

Minnesota (9-7) at Dallas (10-6) Both teams were beaten badly last week, the Vikings 38-10 at Green Bay, the Cowboys 37-10 at Washington when they rested most of their regulars.

Carolina (12-4) For a second-year expansion team, the Panthers are almost cocky. "There ain't nothin' to it but to do it now," said defensive end Mike Fox, who played on the Giants' 1990 title team when New York also was a second seed.

Jacksonville (9-7) at Buffalo (10-6) Can there be a bigger contrast between the Super Bowl-hardened Bills and the second-year expansion Jaguars?

AFC Denver (13-3) This edition is better than the Denver teams that went to the Super Bowls after the 1986, 1987 and 1989 seasons. Two of its three losses came after it had clinched home field in the AFC and Terrell Davis has provided a running game that those previous teams lacked.

Philadelphia (10-6) at San Francisco (12-4) For the Niners, so used to the post-season, this begins the long road to a possible Super Bowl.

One danger spot is quarterback John Elway time to rest a troubled hamstring. With Bill Musgrave out with a separated shoulder, the backup is now rookie Jeff Lewis, who saw his first regular-season action in the season finale at San Diego.

New England (11-5) Bill Parcells actually smiled when he got back to Foxboro after the Patriots rallied from a 22-0 deficit to beat the Giants 23-22 and clinch their first-round bye.

The Patriots will be at home next Sunday against Pittsburgh Buffalo or Jacksonville as they try to win their first playoff game since 1985, when they won three road games to make it to the Super Bowl.

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NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Bottom of the pile provides top soccer draw

DEREK FATTAL

EVEN though the season has not yet reached its halfway point, Betar Jerusalem's total domination of the National League has already convinced most soccer fans that the championship is a forgone conclusion.

The potential savior is none other than the dapper World Cup '70 star Mordechai Spiegler who has been shuttling between the Big Orange and Paris conducting purchase negotiations on behalf of a French investment consortium.

Zimbabwe humbles sorry England

South Africa recovers vs. India; Australia reeling from Ambrose assault

HARARE (Reuters) - England's tour plumed new depths yesterday as it was reduced to 137 for nine by Zimbabwe's seamers on the opening day of the second Test at Harare Sports Club.



DEJECTED - England captain Mike Atherton leaves the crease after being caught at the first slip, while Zimbabwe's Guy Whittall celebrates.

Heath Streak undermined the top order with three for 34 and Guy Whittall took four for 12 from 13 overs of medium pace as England largely contributed to its own downfall with some wretched strokes.

Only John Crawley, unbeaten on 37, provides hope England may pass the 147 scored by Pakistan last year in Lahore, which is the lowest total against Zimbabwe since it became a Test-playing team in 1992.

England captain David Lloyd said: "We batted badly. We didn't know where our off stump were and we lacked discipline. It's the worst day of my career as England coach."

Mongia finished with five catches in the innings. The Indian attack, spearheaded by the accurate Javagal Srinath with two for 36, dominated for much of the day after the home side were invited to bat first in hot, humid conditions.

West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose made a stunning return to form by claiming five wickets to demoralize Australia on the first day of the third Test.

Australia, 1st Innings: Mark Taylor b Ambrose 7, Matthew Hayden c Hooper b Ambrose 5, Justin Langer not out 12, Mark Waugh b Ambrose 0, Steve Waugh c Murray b Bishop 59, Greg Blewett run out 82, Ian Healy c Hooper b Ambrose 36, Paul Reiffel c Samuels b Benjamin 0, Shane Warne c Campbell b Bishop 10, Jason Gillespie not out 4, Glenn McGrath c Hooper b Ambrose 0, Extras (8b 17rb) 219, Total 219, Fall of wickets: 5, 26, 25, 27, 129, 196, 200, 208, 217, 218.

Table with 10 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, GF, GA, Diff, Pts. Lists results for National League matches including Betar Jerusalem, Hapoel Petah Tikva, Hapoel Be'er Sheva, etc.

White grafted his way to nine, but then edged Whittall to first slip to leave England reeling at 108 for six at tea.

South Africa-India: Seamer Venkatesh Prasad captured five for 60 as India seized the initiative against South Africa on the opening day of the first Test at Kingsmead.

By the close, India was two wickets down in reply to South Africa's first innings of 235 all out, the substance of which was a fluent 80 from opener Andrew Hudson.

England first Innings: M. Knighton A. Flower b Olunga 15, M. Atherton c Campbell b Whittall 13, A. Stewart G. Flower b Streak 19, N. Hussain A. Flower b Streak 11, G. Thorpe c Dekker b Streak 5, J. Crawley not out 37, C. White c Campbell b Whittall 4, R. Croft G. Flower b Whittall 4, D. Gough b Streak 2, J. L. Smith c Hooper b Whittall 0, A. L. Smith not out 3, Extras (8-25-40b-5-1) 12, Total for nine wickets 137, Fall of wickets: 1-24 2-50 3-50 4-85 5-73 6-94 7-122 8-138 9-154, Bowling: Streak 19-4-34-3 (nb2 w), Brandes 14-5-31-0, Olunga 9-1-23-1 (nb3), Streak 18-5-31-1, Whittall 13-5-12-1.

West Indies, 1st Innings: Curtly Ambrose 24.5-7-55-5 (nb), Ian Bishop 11-7-31-2 (nb), Kenny Benjamin 19-2-64-1 (nb), Courtney Walsh 14-0-43-0 (nb), Jimmy Adams 1-0-4-0, Carl Hooper 5-1-14-0, Bowling time: 334 minutes, Overs: 74.5, West Indies, 1st Innings: Sherwin Campbell lbw b McGrath 7, Robert Samuels not out 10, Shivnarine Chanderpaul not out 11, Extras (1lb) 1, Total 29 runs for one wicket, Fall of wickets: 12, Bowling: Glenn McGrath 6-3-6-1, Paul Reiffel 5-0-21-0, Shane Warne 1-0-1-0, Jason Gillespie 1-1-0-0, Bowling time: 54 minutes, Overs: 13.

United routs Forest, moves to 3rd

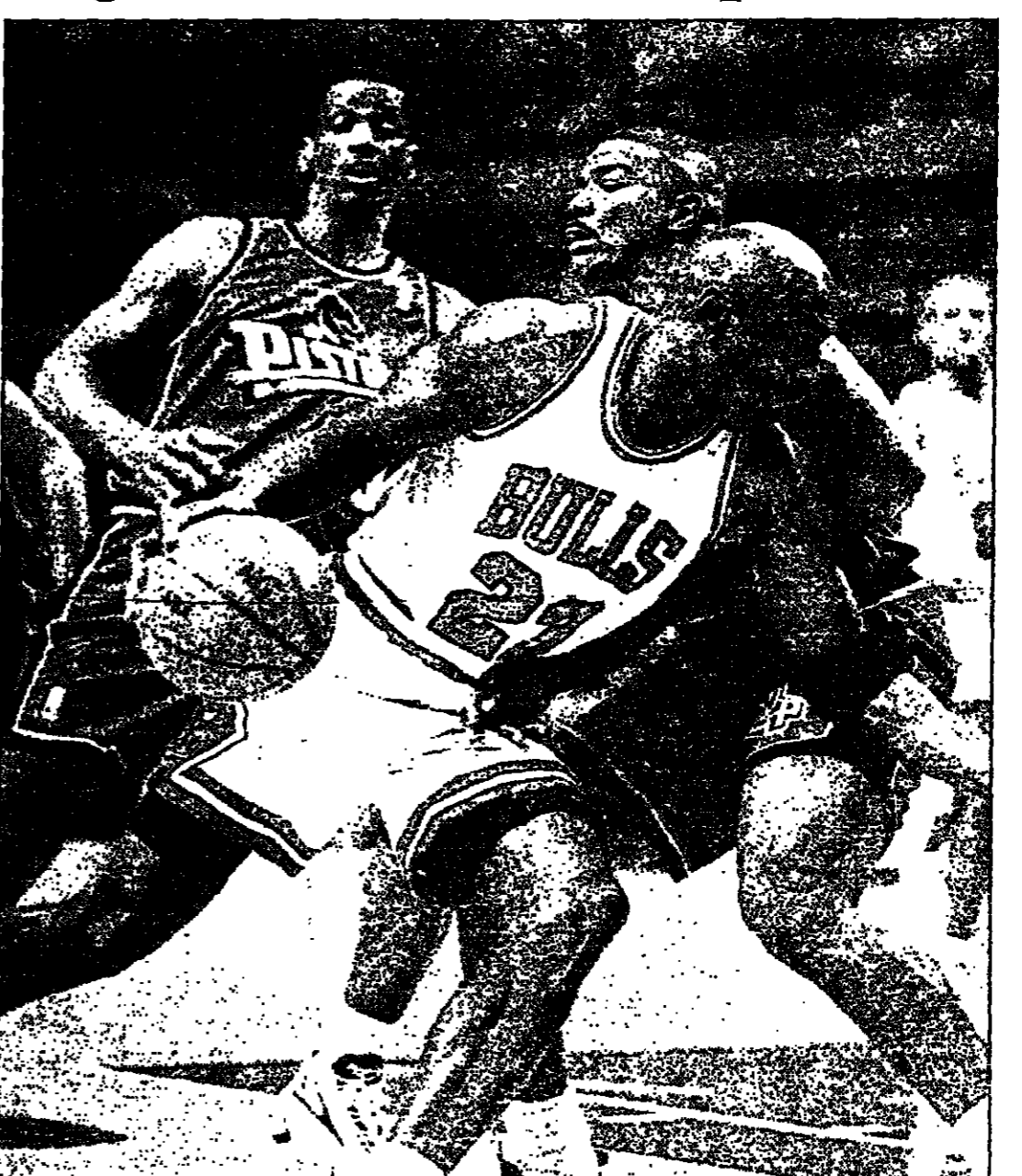
LONDON (Reuters) - Arsenal and Liverpool were held to frustrating draws yesterday while champions Manchester United crushed Nottingham Forest 4-0 to move into an ominous third place in the Premier League.

United moves into third on 34 points, two points behind Arsenal and five points behind Liverpool, which was seriously out of sorts against Leicester.

Premier League: Aston Villa 0, Chelsea 2; Blackburn 1, Newcastle 0; Leeds 1, Coventry 3; Liverpool 1, Leicester 1; Middlesbrough 4, Everton 2; Nottingham Forest 0, Manchester United 4; Sunderland 2, Derby 0; Tottenham 3, Southampton 1; Wimbledon vs. West Ham postponed (frozen field); Sheffield Wednesday 0, Arsenal 0.

Lakers regain share of first place

PHOENIX (Reuters) - Shaquille O'Neal and his Laker teammates gave their coach a share of first place in the Pacific Division for Christmas.



RUNAWAY BULL - Michael Jordan drives into Detroit's Joe Dumars.

Los Angeles was in control most of the way, although the Suns cut the deficit to eight at 87-79 on Danny Manning's dunk with 6:30 to play.

But the Lakers responded with a 12-0 run as Jones scored five and O'Neal four, increasing the lead to a comfortable 20 points with 2:51 remaining.

Table showing Eastern Conference and Western Conference standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: L.A. Lakers 106, Phoenix 87; Chicago 95, Detroit 83.

Navy downs California in Aloha Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) - Quarterback Ben Fay ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns and Navy had 646 yards of total offense in a 42-38 victory over California in the Aloha Bowl.

The high-scoring game Wednesday was a contrast in halves. The two teams combined for 63 points in the first half with California (6-6) holding a 35-28 lead.

Cal totaled 434 yards of offense. Pat Barnes completed 27 of 37 passes for 313 yards and three touchdowns.

